

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1640**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Denis Martin et al.
Application No. : 10/078,531
Filed : February 21, 2002
For : STREPTOCOCCUS PYOGENES POLYPEPTIDES AND
CORRESPONDING DNA FRAGMENTS

Examiner : Patricia Ann Duffy, Ph.D.
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.116 AND 1.121

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2007, please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on Monday, September 10, 2007. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee are enclosed. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.